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(*f*) how many persons have been drafted into the Revenue department from the Settlement department in that district in each year for the past three years;

(*g*) who the persons concerned are, what the qualifications, and the service, if any, in the Revenue department and the community of each are; and

(*h*) what the reasons are for such drafting when men originally entertained in this (Revenue) department are shunted out?

A.—(*a*) They may be transferred to posts in other departments included in the Madras Ministerial Service, subject to the provisions of Fundamental Rule 15, and provided that the appointing authorities concerned agree.

(*b*) Transfers may be made at the request of individual clerks, or in the interests of administrative convenience.

(*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to rule 15 of the General Rules for Subordinate Services governing transfers which is printed in the Madras Services Manual, Volume II, a copy of which is available in the Secretariat Library.

(*d*), (*e*), (*f*), (*g*) & (*h*) The Government have not the information.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I know, Sir, whether the information required in clauses (*d*) to (*h*) would be called for and made available to the House?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—"I do not think it is necessary, Sir."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I ask, Sir, whether on account of the abolition of the group system, they are not able to get on well with the revenue establishments of the various districts?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—"We do not think so, Sir."

Public Service

Number of gazetted appointments held by the members of the 'Scheduled classes' as on 31st March 1935.

* 516 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Rajagopala Pillai: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of gazetted appointments held by members of 'Scheduled classes' on the 31st March 1935;

(*b*) the designation of such appointments; and

(*c*) the particular caste of the holders of such appointments?

A.—A statement [a] is laid on the table.

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Mr. P. V. Rajagopala Pillai:—" Out of the sanctioned strength of 1,805 gazetted appointments, 656 are held by Brahmans, 361 by Non-Brahman Hindus, 101 by Muhammadans, 392 by Non-Asiatics and Anglo-Indians, 14 by Indian Christians and 10 by others. As only 4 appointments are held by members belonging to the scheduled classes, will Government be pleased to appoint more members of the scheduled classes to these posts?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—" We shall try, Sir."

Reasons for the decrease in the number of gazetted appointments held by the scheduled classes.

* 517 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Rajagopala Pillai: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the cause of the decrease in the number of gazetted appointments held by scheduled classes as shown below:—

	1st April 1934.	1st April 1935.	Decrease
Temporary, acting or probationary appointments.	7	4	3
Permanent appointments	12	6	6

A.—*Temporary, acting or probationary appointments.*—The figures were made up as follows:—

	1934.	1935.	Difference.
Revenue department	3	2	— 1
Excise department	..	1	+ 1
Police department	3	..	— 3
Veterinary department	..	1	+ 1
District Board Engineering department.	1	..	— 1

I regret the figures against the Police department were wrong. The figures ought to be 2 in 1934 and 2 in 1935. There was thus no reduction in strength in this department. The reduction of one each in the Revenue and the District Board Engineering departments is due to the confirmation of the officers in question and to their consequent inclusion in the return of permanent officers.

Permanent.—The figures were made up as follows:—

	1934.	1935.	Difference.
Revenue department	1	3	+ 2
High Court	10	..	— 10
Registration department	..	1	+ 1
Co-operative department	1	1	..
District Board Engineering department.	..	1	+ 1

I regret again that the figures shown in the statement against the High Court were wrong. The figures ought to be 'nil' in 1934 and 'nil' in 1935. There is thus no reduction in strength at all.